

ITEM NO: \_\_\_\_\_

PREPARED BY: Fred E. Jones, Jr.

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY BY:  
Fred E. Jones, Jr.

**A resolution requesting the Tennessee General Assembly to amended any caption bill now pending before it to establish a new division of general sessions court at Shelby County that would be solely dedicated to collecting unpaid fines, fees, levies, and court costs. In the alternative, this Resolution seeks to pay an additional salary of \$50,000.00 per year to any Judge or Judges who hear cases pertaining to the collection of unpaid fines, fees, levies and other costs due to the General Sessions Courts of Shelby County. Sponsored by Commissioner Joe Ford.**

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**WHEREAS**, Shelby County Criminal Court is owed approximately \$250,000,000.00 in fines and costs, much of which is delinquent and that Shelby County General Sessions Criminal Court is owed approximately \$167,000,000.00 in outstanding fines and costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Court Clerk and General Sessions Court Clerk have diligently attempted to collect these outstanding sums of monies; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to create a new division of General Sessions Court whose sole responsibility will be to collect fees, levies, and other cost due the General Sessions Courts of Shelby County; and

**WHEREAS**, in the alternative, that an additional salary of \$50,000.00 be paid per year to any Judge or Judges, said \$50,000.00 to be divided between multiple participating Judges, that conduct a regular docket to hear cases pertaining to the collection of unpaid fines, fees, levies, and other costs owed to the General Sessions Courts of Shelby County Tennessee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**, That Shelby County Government hereby encourages the Tennessee General Assembly to enact legislation to enhance the collection of criminal fines and court costs throughout the State.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Tennessee General assembly amend any captioned bill now pending before it in order to establish a new division of General Sessions Court in Shelby County that would be solely dedicated to collecting unpaid fines, fees, levies, and court costs owed to the General Sessions Courts of Shelby County and if passed by the Tennessee General assembly, such new court division would be implemented upon approval by a 2/3 vote of all Commissioners of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That in the alternative, an additional salary of \$50,000.00 be paid per year to any Judge or Judges, said \$50,000.00 to be divided between multiple participating Judges, that conduct a regular docket to hear cases pertaining to the collection of unpaid fines, fees, levies, and other costs owed to the General Sessions Courts of Shelby County Tennessee.

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A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_